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Mr. Roscoe Drummond
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Dear Mr. Drummond,

As we age, our shoulders round. The task you undertook in the column in today's Post require straighter and meny more shoulders than you, I, or any man has. Further, I confess my sorrow at the spectacle of a respected writer so irresponsibly and illogically addressing a vast burden of evidence of which he knows nothing and placing himself in the hands of those who may have evested interest in abusing his trust.

I have not the time to undertake what is easy, a detailed refutation of your column. Instead I offer what can do me no good, for you will in no case plug my book. It is, I hope you will see, a measure of my sincerity that should you again address yourself to the Report of the President's Commission I will direct you to what evidence you seek, what knowledge you lack, to the best of my ability. I will go further and take you to the archive and give you simple answers to the questions you raise only to evade and obfuscate.

You begin with allegations of rumor-mongering. You cannot allege this against my book. It has been available to you since the morning of May 10th when I left a copy in your office. It comes, as you can see, entirely from the official evidence, to hich it is extensively referenced. You lumped me in with six other unidentified writers. This is neither fair nor honest.

You bewail the lack of what you call "new evidence". My books is on the Report. It is largely made up of what is, to the Report, new evidence. Your plaint is like that of a man lamenting marriage is not a happy state when he is not home long enough to find out.

It is a gross inaccuracy to say "Obviously, if there is a cover-up of the real assassin the Warren Commission must have perpetrated it or,...falsified the evidence." To say this of the men of whom you then so eloquently speak is a monstrous injustice and, if you will reflect, a nonsequetur. Nor would a coverup require the lusty

and conscious participation of those you list.

The net effect of your line, because it is without question that there was a cover-up, is to make personally responsible those you seek to defend and those least likely to have been conscious participants. You have either not read my book or not understood it. On this point I encourage you to read the introduction.

In quoting Judge Fein you quote no authority. He is so little aware of what he wrote about he has not answered my challenge to debate his "review", my book (which he quoted out of context and whose evidence he did not in a single word discuss), the Commission's evidence and performance, or any combination, in the pages of the Saturday Review or elsewhere. Even the cover of my book was edited in the photograph that was used.

The question you quote from him is an evasion. What you must ask and what must be answered is this simple question: has the truth been told, in its entirety, and to the degree it is possible for him to do so?

Until you can answer this question without equivocation or devices, writings such as Judge Fein's and yours are a friendship the members of the Commission will have difficulty surviving. They make the possible legitimate defense at least much more difficult.

Sincerely yours,

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